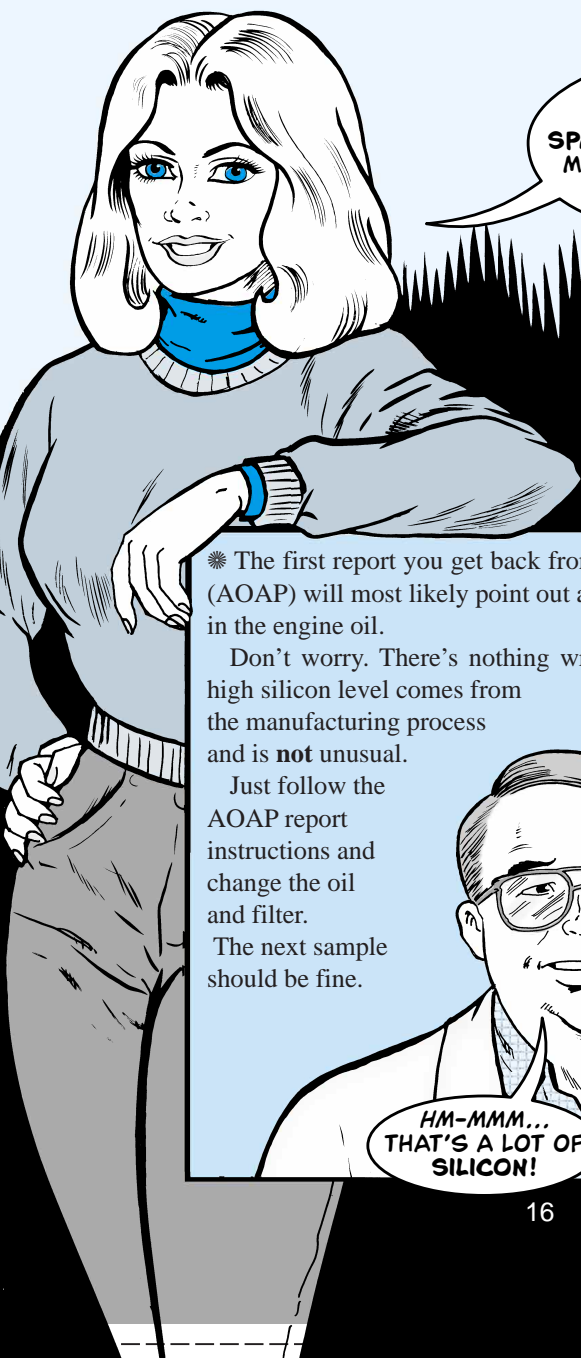


Learn Hercules Lessons Early



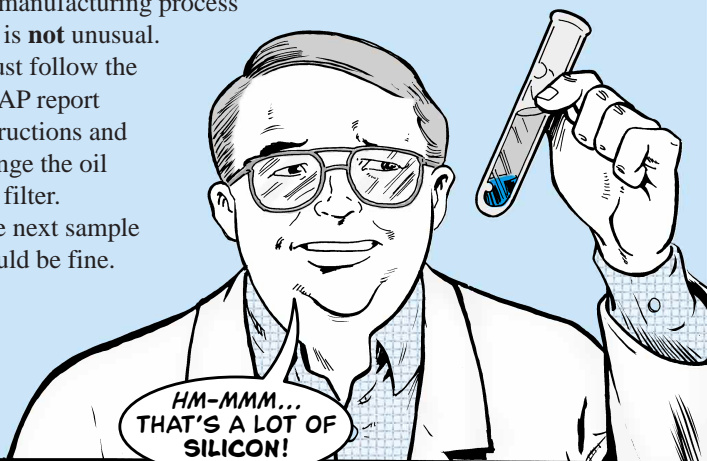
THE M88A2 RECOVERY VEHICLE—THE HERCULES—IS BRAND SPANKING NEW, CREWMEN. THAT MEANS IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME TO LEARN ALL OF ITS QUIRKS, SUCH AS...

✱ The first report you get back from the Army Oil Analysis Program (AOAP) will most likely point out an abnormally high level of silicon in the engine oil.

Don't worry. There's nothing wrong with the engine. That initial high silicon level comes from the manufacturing process and is **not** unusual.

Just follow the AOAP report instructions and change the oil and filter.

The next sample should be fine.

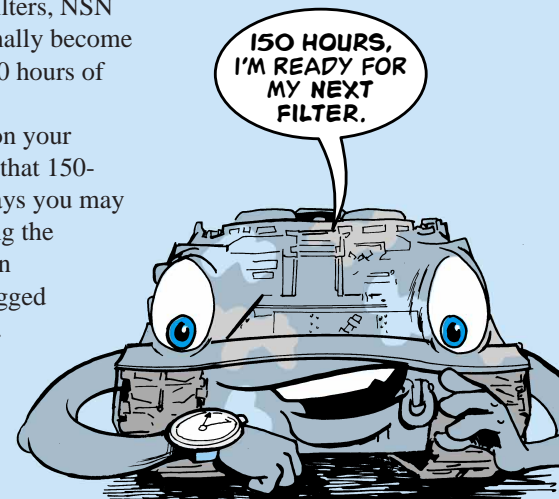


HM-MMM... THAT'S A LOT OF SILICON!

✱ The transmission oil filters, NSN 2940-01-434-5206, normally become clogged after the first 150 hours of use in a new vehicle.

When the hour meter on your vehicle's engine reaches that 150-hour plateau, TACOM says you may want to consider changing the filters. Of course, you can always wait until the clogged filter indicator comes on.

Filter life should be normal, approximately 750 operating hours, after the first change.

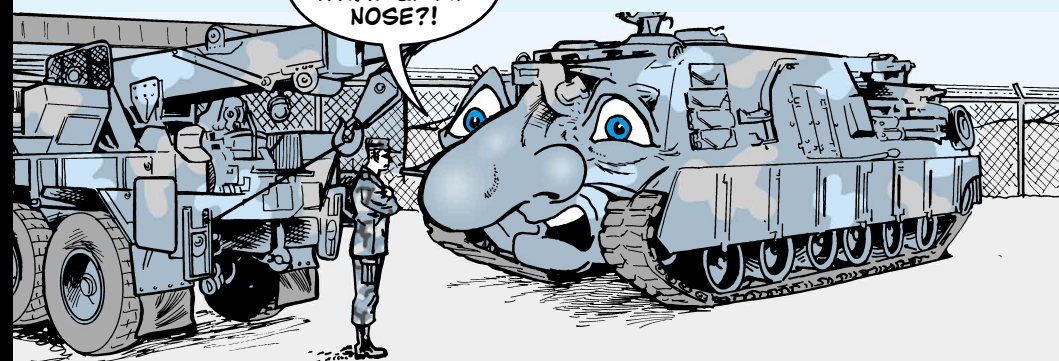


150 HOURS, I'M READY FOR MY NEXT FILTER.

✱ Taking off the main winch assembly housing, or nose piece, means removing the 44 bolts that hold it in place.

Each bolt that is removed puts extra stress on the remaining ones. That extra stress can snap or strip some of the bolts.

Make sure you use a lifting device—a wrecker or another M88—to support the weight of the nose piece as you remove the bolts. That prevents shifting and keeps bolts in good shape.



YOU'RE GONNA STICK WHAT UP MY NOSE?!